

While the life-saving actions of Sheriff Mims and Supervisor Chase were both courageous and heroic, they were not unfamiliar—in both their careers, they have never hesitated to help those in need. While the victim remains anonymous to them, Margaret and Judy have touched the life of an individual in a most profound way and I commend them for it.

HONORING COMMANDER CONSTANTINE TSOUKATOS OF OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Constantine Tsoukatos on the occasion of his promotion to Commander of the 314th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Commander Tsoukatos was raised by his parents Helen and Emanuel Tsoukatos in Oak Lawn, IL. In Oak Lawn, Constantine attended Richards High School, before moving on to the University of Illinois where he studied Engineering Mechanics. Upon receiving his Bachelor's degree, Constantine continued his schooling and obtained his Master's degree in Human Resource Development from Webster University in 1999.

Constantine began his service in 1997 when he was commissioned as a second lieutenant following Officer Training School. Serving as an aircraft maintenance officer, he has held a variety of flightline and backshop positions. His first tour began at Scott AFB, on the C-9 Aircraft. Commander Tsoukatos then taught in the Reserve Officer Training Corps as an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies at Detachment 560, Manhattan College in Bronx, New York, where he also served as the Commandant of Cadets. He was next stationed at Osan AB, ROK, serving both as maintenance flight commander and then as the A-10 AMU IOC. Commander Tsoukatos spent the following 3 years at RAF Mildenhall with the 100th Air Refueling Wing, before moving to his current position within HQ AFMC in June of 2006.

Commander Tsoukatos has been recognized previously with the following commendations: the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Korean Defense Service Medal.

Aside from his military service to our nation, Commander Tsoukatos is dedicated to his family as a loving father and husband. He and his wife, Jazmin, have two sons, Manuel and Joaquin and one daughter, Gabriela.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding service and achievements of Commander Constantine Tsoukatos. We acknowledge his accomplishments and express our gratitude for his dedicated service.

CONGRATULATING HAMILTON STEPHENS WINTER

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hamilton Stephens Winters, who was recognized as the Overall Middle School Student of the Year by the Ouachita Parish School System.

Hamilton was nominated by his school, West Ridge Middle, to compete in the annual competition.

It is always outstanding to see the diligence with which the young students of Louisiana work to better their schools and communities. I have the highest confidence that Hamilton will succeed in whatever endeavor he pursues.

Earning this recognition is a tremendous honor, and I am grateful the 5th Congressional District can list Hamilton among our own.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hamilton Stephens Winters for receiving this remarkable recognition.

RECOGNIZING LAYTON ROY FAIRCHILD, SR.

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Layton Roy Fairchild, Sr., of Spotsylvania, Virginia on his achievements and contributions to his community. Mr. Fairchild was born March 22, 1927 to the late master carpenter Alfred Linwood Fairchild and homemaker Rose Anna Lewis Fairchild. He is part of the second generation of Fairchilds born in Spotsylvania. His father, Alfred Linwood Fairchild, was the second individual and first generation Fairchild born in Spotsylvania, and the first to remain in the county, start a family and a very successful carpentry business.

Mr. Fairchild is a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. While on duty in Japan, he was the captain of the baseball team that traveled the country playing against native teams in an effort to develop goodwill after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Mr. Fairchild worked for 33 years at FMC, the largest industry employer in Fredericksburg, Virginia. For the first 15 years, he was a machine operator. He was promoted in 1957 to control lacquer operator-inspector. During his more than 30 years at the FMC plant, he worked all three shifts. After his shift, regardless of which shift it was, he would come home and farm. Many days his wife brought his meals out to the field for him to eat while he was on his tractor.

He started his own business, Fairchild Trucking Inc. in 1975. For more than 30 years, he provided employment and benefits for county citizens. Showing appreciation for his two longest working employees, he recently purchased two 24-ton trucks for each to use to earn a living on their own.

Mr. Fairchild was the first mortgage lender to numerous individuals and families who were

unable to receive traditional financing, allowing them to purchase and maintain a home of their own. His belief was that honest people with limited opportunities could indeed thrive if they had help.

He is very active in his local church, Savannah Baptist Church, in Spotsylvania. One example of his philanthropy is the brick enclosure of the church's cemetery. It was designed, constructed and donated in honor of his parents.

Mr. Fairchild married the former Bertha Pratt in 1945 and together they had four daughters and one son. Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild are also the foster parents of three boys they raised and provided for as their own.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Layton Roy Fairchild, Sr.

COMMEMORATING ABRAHAM LINCOLN ON THE BICENTENNIAL OF HIS BIRTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 12, 2009*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, it is with profound admiration and respect that I commemorate the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth. From humble beginnings in a one room log cabin in the backwoods of Kentucky, Lincoln, a self-taught lawyer, went on to win a narrow victory in 1860 to become our 16th president.

Not long after he took office, our country was plunged into a war between the states that threatened to destroy everything our Founding Fathers had fought so hard to establish. As the war raged, Lincoln led the Union through the maelstrom to save our Republic. At the same time, he paved the way to freedom for millions who had never known it. Sadly, an assassin's bullet stole Lincoln from his people just days after the Civil War ended.

Madam Speaker, as we commemorate his 200th birthday, I reflect upon the life of President Lincoln and the sacrifices he made to protect the principles of freedom we cherish so deeply. A man of great wisdom and courage who guided our country through some of its darkest hours, President Lincoln embodies the true meaning of what it is to be an American.

While, in the words of Secretary of War Edwin M. Staunton, Lincoln "belongs to the ages," he lives in the hearts of freedom loving people in the United States and around the world.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding southeastern Pennsylvania municipality celebrating its centennial anniversary.